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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2479

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 1067

ROME AND FRANKFURT FOR INS

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SUBJECT: ASSYRIAN AND ARMENIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON

REF: A. STATE 25671, B. STATE 17490 (NOTAL), C. GENEVA 538, D.
GENEVA 730

1. AS REPORTED TELEPHONICALLY TO GENEVA, INS ATHENS
HAS NOT INTERVIEWED ANY OF THE APPLICANTS. THEREFORE,
UNABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS PROPOUNDED IN PARAS 2 AND 3
OF REF (B). PERHAPS BEIRUT CAN OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM
VOLAGS.

2. RE PARA 3 STATE 25671, EMBASSY ATHENS ESTIMATES
ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS AS ONE VISA OFFICER AND
TWO LOCAL EMPLOYEES, BASED ON FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS:
A. REFUGEES ARE MOVED EARLY ON, TO PERMIT -
B. PROCESSING TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE END OF MAY, WHEN
CONSULAR PEAK SEASON BEGINS;

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C. MAXIMUM OF 30 NONPREFERENCE IMMIGRANTS TO BE PROCESSED

PER DAY, OR ABOUT 600 PER MONTH; AND

D. VOLAGS TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY INTERPRETERS.
IN PLANNING FOR PROCESSING THESE SPECIAL NONPREFERENCE
IMMIGRANTS, EMBASSY WOULD NEED TO KNOW WHETHER IT IS CON-
TEMPLATED THAT CLEARANCES, POLICE CERTIFICATES, SUPPORT
EVIDENCE OR ANY OTHER CUSTOMARY REQUIREMENTS ARE TO BE
WAIVED.

(FYI: FSO BRONSON E. PERCIVAL, A CONSULAR OFFICER,
IS CURRENTLY IN ATHENS AS EVACUEE FROM BEIRUT. IT IS
SUGGESTED THAT PLACING HIM ON TDY TO ATHENS FOR PERIOD
NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT DOCUMENTATION OF THIS GROUP OF
REFUGEES MIGHT BE MOST CONVENIENT AND LEAST COSTLY ANSWER
TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR ONE ADDITIONAL VISA OFFICER.
REQUIREMENT FOR TWO ADDITIONAL LOCAL PERSONNEL COULD BE
MET BY TEMPORARY HIRE OF USG DEPENDENTS AS P.I.T. EMPLOYEES.
TWO YOUNG WOMEN, MISS N. ATHANASON AND MISS M. RIPLEY,
WHO WORKED FOR US AS PIT EMPLOYEES LAST YEAR ARE STILL
HERE AND ARE AVAILABLE TO COMMENCE WORK WHENEVER NEEDED.
END FYI.)
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